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Noxious weed outbreak on Schoo Mine Site

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On April 17, 2012, I performed a routine inspection of the Schoo mine site (BLM case file 80276, State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining file M/001/027). As I longed feared, during that inspection I discovered an outbreak of knapweed (either squarrose or diffuse) within the permit area. Knapweed is a Beaver County listed noxious weed which must be treated by landowners or permittees. You must promptly treat and eradicate this weed to be in compliance with your plan of operation and permit terms.

The weed outbreak is centered on the south-facing slope just north of the perlite stockpile, with a few scatter plants found on the loadout area at the base of the slope and east into the bottom of the perlite production pit floor. Some of the plants appear to be several years old, very robust and globe-shaped, being 2' – 3' in dia. Surrounding the base of the older plants are numerous rosettes. It appears the initial start was at the base of the slope and has spread up the slope by the prevailing winds from the south. The spread of the plants has been somewhat limited by the density of other vegetation in the area of the outbreak. I uprooted all the mature plants that I could (several dozen) and burned them on the loadout bench. Several were too deeply rooted to extract and were left in place. The juvenile rosettes were too numerous to deal with by hand cutting methods and the entire slope will need to be sprayed and monitored in the coming years to control the outbreak.

It is critical to control this outbreak ASAP. This is a very aggressive weed and difficult to eradicate because of the seed viability. You will need to hire a certified weed sprayer to *treat* the area by early summer (June 1), to prevent this year's plants from possibly going to seed and making the outbreak that much worse. You can give the sprayer my contact information, and if necessary, I can meet him on site to make sure the affected area is treated.

I have attached a couple of documents pertinent to the necessary spraying. One is a list of limitations that the contract sprayer must abide by and the other is a pesticide application record documenting the who, what, when, where of the spraying.

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2 attachments



BLM_Pesticide_Use_Limitations.docx



BLM_Pesticide_Application_Record_Form_(2012).doc

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Hi Ed/Tom – I've asked our consultant Jay Gatten at North American Exploration to provide us with an plan to complete the required work.

Kind regards, Tim

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